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## Troubles north and south

The events in Lebanon during the past week do not lend much weight to the old argument that, with time, everything works itself out in fine Phoenician form. Rather, it would probably be more accurate to say that with time everything in Lebanon will end up with a bullet through its heart. The latest act of savagery that resulted in the death of Tony Franjeh and his family and supporters would be enough to turn any country into one big state of emergency. But in Lebanon, one's sensibilities have been so shocked during the past three years that it becomes almost impossible for any single act of madness to stand out from the general madness that reigns there.

The fact that Israel's occupation army has withdrawn from the south and turned over its positions to the rag-tag forces of Major Haddad, while events in the north of Lebanon are so disquieting, is a bad sign, but another bad sign among the enormity of Lebanon's difficulties seems somehow, and sadly, unimportant.

The general lack of security that prevails throughout all of Lebanon is a fact of life in the current circumstances, and it is unrealistic to expect any major political developments while there is no central authority in the country capable of enforcing a minimal degree of security. That job is partly done by the Lebanese army, the Arab peace-keepers, the U.N. peace-keepers and the various factional armies under the command of Lebanese politicians. They are all collectively a sign of Lebanon's spirited lawlessness, and they all dramatise that no combination of foreign peace-makers can make peace as well as an indigenous Lebanese army under the control of a Lebanese leadership that has the kind of real authority that stems only from legitimacy. That legitimate authority is still lacking, and the purely domestic tragedy of northern Lebanon this week is probably more a cause of this than a symptom.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Commenting on the fighting which broke out in north Lebanon between supporters of ex-President Suleiman Franjeh and the Phalangist Party, in which Franjeh lost his son and several dozen people were killed on both sides, AL RA'I Thursday noted that the fighting broke out in the north just as the Israeli forces were pulling out from the south.

The newspaper asks whether a new Lebanon could arise from the ashes of such vendettas. It says the state should assert its authority in the north through the Arab League Deterrent Force as it is trying to assert itself in the south through the United Nations Truce Supervision Force in Lebanon; otherwise, the massacres will continue into which the National Liberal Party might be dragged as well.

Al Ra'i thinks that the arrival of the Arab Deterrent Force on the scene of clashes came in the nick of time to contain a plot to divide Lebanon into communal mini-states and to impose order and security. Therefore, the newspaper says, the legitimate Lebanese authority has to think seriously about allowing the deterrent force to be deployed in areas from which it has hitherto been kept out, such as the Maronite areas in the north, "before it is too late."

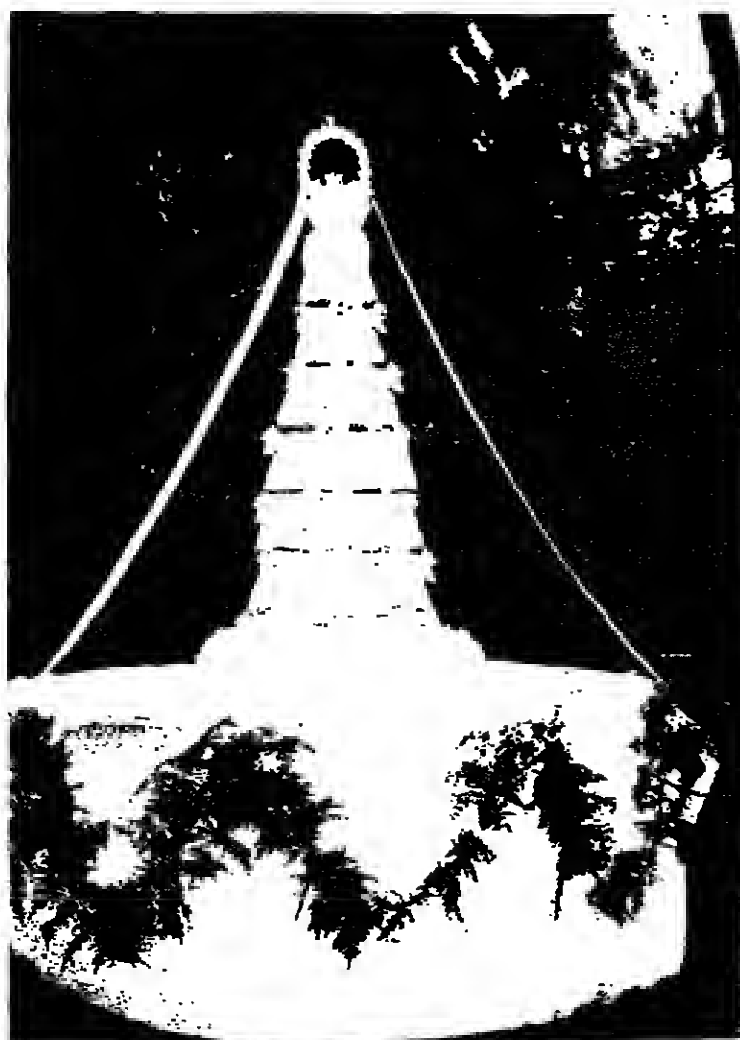
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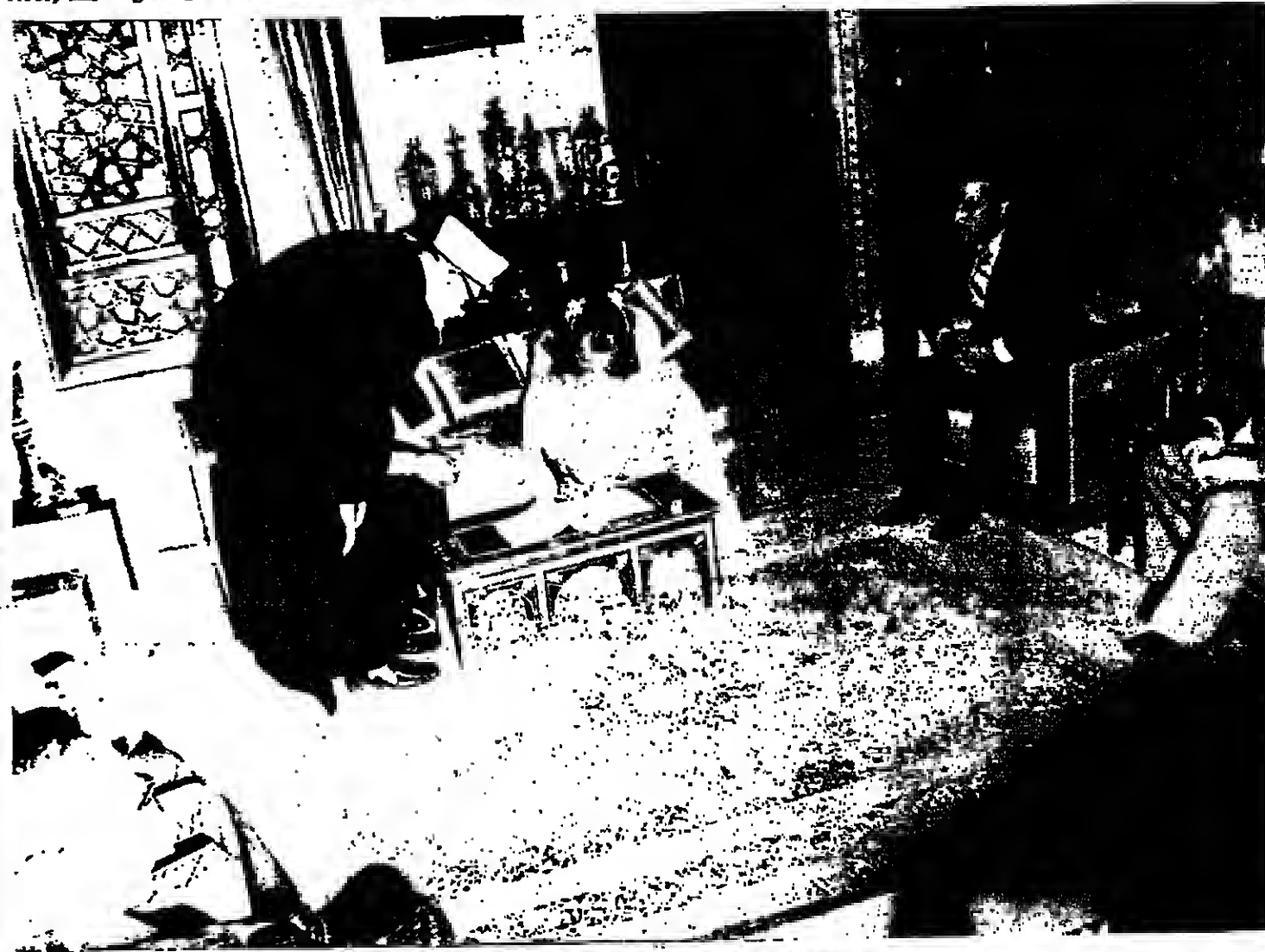
The wedding cake, a seven-tier fruitcake with the initials H. and N. at its crest, stands on a decorated table in the garden of Zahran Palace.



His Majesty King Hussein signs the marriage document Thursday at the Zahran Palace ceremony. To his left are Her Majesty Queen Noor, His Highness Prince Mohammad and the bride's father Najeeb Halaby. To his right is Chief Justice Ibrahim Qattan.



A member of the Royal Cavalry Guard stands at attention.



Her Majesty Queen Noor signs the marriage document.



The King and Queen pose for members of the press.



King Hussein wields the golden sword with which he is about to cut the wedding cake.









# Jordan Meteorological Department updates techniques to improve forecasts

By Alan Martiny  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, June 15 — The Jordan Meteorological Department has a forecasting accuracy of about 80 to 85 per cent, according to the department's Director General, A. I. Abandah.

In a recent interview Mr. Abandah told the Jordan Times that one of the difficulties in accurate reporting in Amman is the vast diversity in conditions in the area from the airport to Shmeisani.

"In the brief weather report given each day we have to give an accurate forecast for the entire Amman area. But weather conditions on Jabal Amman can differ widely from Shmeisani," he noted.

An example of the diversity in weather is one day when 550 ml. of rain fell at the university while only 200 ml. fell at the airport.

On occasion people have criticised the weather station for reporting scattered showers in Amman when none appeared in their area. "But we would have to make a forecast for every valley and mountain to be totally accurate," Mr. Abandah said.

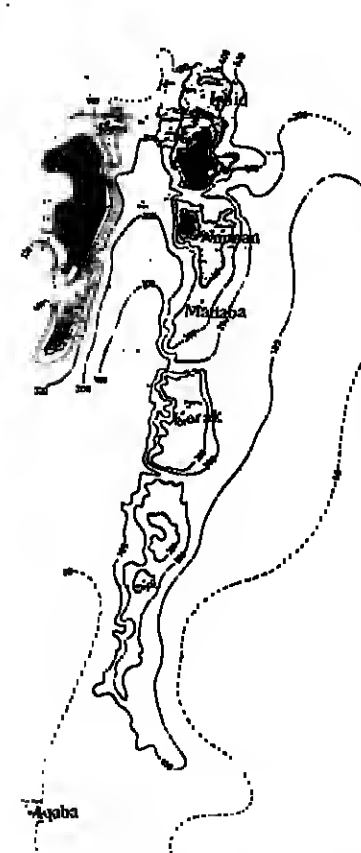
A good proverb for weather forecasters, Mr. Abandah said is:

If you hit nobody remembers, if you miss nobody forgives. Nevertheless, the Jordan weather department has a standard of forecasting equal to that of most of Europe, he said.

Jordan's weather station was started as a division attached to the Civil Aviation Department at Jerusalem airport in 1952 and Amman airport in 1954. The weather station was then engaged in forecasting weather for aeronautical purposes.

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Map showing mean annual rainfall from Irbid to Aqaba and including part of the West Bank and the eastern deserts of Jordan.

It became an independent department in 1963 attached to the Ministry of Transport. In June 1967 the Jerusalem station fell under Israeli control.

The department developed rather quickly from its initial small team to about 260 employees at present.

The department at the moment has one main synoptic station, one upper air station, eight agrometeorological stations and 30 climatological stations.

Financing comes from the government and all workers are government employees.

## Main services

The main function of the weather department is weather observation, forecasting and documentation for civil and military aviation. There are three forecasting offices at Amman airport for civil aviation purposes, one at Mafrak and one at H-5 for military purposes.

A second service the station performs is to study the weather for agricultural purposes. This includes analysing and reporting the effect of the weather and climate upon the planting of crops. The weather department cooperates with the Ministry of Agriculture in this field.

A third function is to supply weather forecasts and warnings to the general public. The station issues a forecast to the newspapers and four times daily to the radio. In times of severe weather conditions a warning is issued to the Civil Defence Department.

The fourth service is to give advice and answer inquiries about the weather and climate for engineering construction, town planning, factory planning and tourism. The department also answers personal inquiries. But advising is done on an irregular basis according to the need.

## Staff and brain drain

The department boasts an entirely Jordanian staff. At the beginning the department had foreign World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) experts involved in the operation to help raise the standard to that required by the WMO. But since then the department has maintained the operation on its own.

The WMO is an international organisation which links weather stations around the world and maintains world standards by requiring a relatively high standard for membership.

For training new recruits the department has a training centre located in the main station at the airport. High school graduates are eligible to train as weather observers and university graduates for weather forecasters according to WMO standards.

A six-month training programme is required for all new personnel to become weather observers. However, a weather observer must conclude a further nine months of training to qualify as a forecaster.

Asked if the department encountered any major problems, Mr. Abandah noted that staffing was the biggest problem. "It is difficult to find people willing to work in remote stations."

Another problem has been the increasing brain drain of workers leaving the department to take jobs either inside or outside Jordan. This has had a very drastic effect on the department. People have left from all areas of the work: forecasters, observers and technicians.

As a matter of fact the former director general left and is now the project manager for WMO in North Yemen.

"The department has been a big exporter of qualified staff over the past few years. Many of the weather bureau staff in Kuwait are former employees," Mr. Abandah said.

According to his record, 24 forecasters and 24 technical assistants trained here and are now in the Gulf.

Another problem facing the department is the extended period it takes to become a forecaster. A forecaster needs at least three years. Once graduated from a university, it is necessary to take a six-month course to become an observer and another nine-month course to become a forecaster followed by a period of on-the-job training. This is not attractive to many people.

At the moment the department has a team of 20 forecasters all with degrees in physics and mathematics.

The department is now working on plans to train foreigners in forecasting. North Yemen has expressed interest in having seven of its people take the nine-month course.

The training centre last month graduating 17 students as weather observers.

## Instrumentation

The weather station acquires its information from four types of instruments: traditional, mechanical, electrical and telecommunications equipment.

The traditional and mechanical equipment includes the thermograph for recording temperature, the anemograph



This equipment is used for receiving satellite photos of cloud formations.

for recording wind velocity, the hygrograph for recording humidity and the barometre for measuring air pressure.

Electrical equipment is also used for measuring temperature, wind velocity, humidity and air pressure. Remote electrical sensors are used in measuring visibility and cloud base.

The department has a telecommunications system to collect, receive and transmit information. The station is linked to its sub-stations around Jordan by a transceiver network. Jordan is linked to the worldwide WMO network by teleprinters, facsimile, transmitters and teleprinters.

The station makes use of an artificial satellite to get daily photographs of the distribution of clouds and frontal systems. The department started using the satellite photo system in 1973. Mr. Abandah said the department applied for the new APT (Automatic Picture Transmitter) system in 1977 and expect it at any moment.

The new satellite and photo transmitter system is American supplied. The present system provides nine photos each day. But the new system will give a photo every six minutes, making weather analysis easier. Also the photos from the new APT system are more detailed and clearer.

Mr. Abandah said the density of weather stations in Jordan is sufficient for the WMO requirement. Each year the number and quality of stations

is reviewed for modification. In the southeast, in the desert where manned stations are difficult, provisions are being made to install automatic recording stations like those commonly used in the remote polar regions.

The standard of equipment used in Jordan is almost the same as that in any developed or developing country apart from those using computers in forecasting. But Mr. Abandah noted that there is a chance the department might be able to get a modest computer.

Computer forecasting however is only 50 to 60 per cent accurate while forecasting by an experienced man can be up to 85 or 90 per cent accurate.

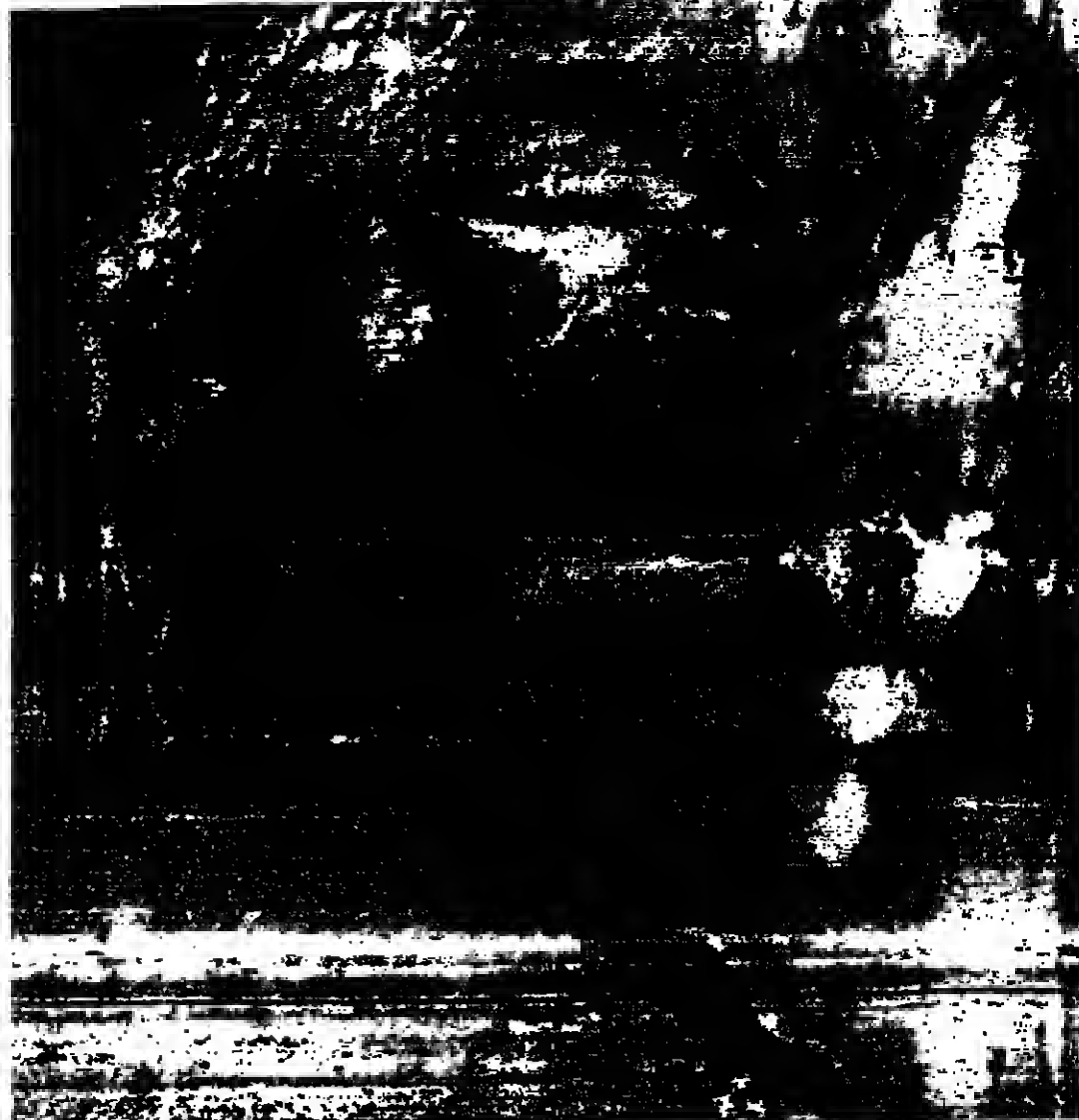
"The standard of forecasting depends on the qualifications and experience of the forecaster. Computer forecasting is less accurate than human forecasting," Mr. Abandah said. The best forecaster is someone who has experience in a particular area for a long time who knows the idiosyncrasies of the region. The computer can only be as accurate and effective as the forecaster who uses it and the quality of the information it is fed.

## Jordan's weather

In general there is a big fluctuation in the amount of rainfall from year to year. But in the last ten years the amount of rainfall has been decreasing, with the exception of 1973 which was well above normal.



Technicians maintain the telecommunications system.



A Videcon satellite photo depicting cloud formations over the Middle East. The U.S. NOAA 5 satellite now in operation circles the earth every one hour and 56 minutes transmitting nine photos of the region daily. Each photo covers 2,500 square kms. The Sinai Peninsula can be seen in the centre with Africa on the bottom left.

The average annual rainfall in Jordan is 800 ml. But the average can fluctuate from 120 ml. in a bad year to 460 ml. in a good year.

The temperature in the last ten years has also been decreasing although it had been increasing after the 1940's.

Mr. Abandah attributes the temperature increase after the 1940's to an increase of carbon dioxide in the air due to the increased burning of fuels. The temperature decrease in this decade he attributes to the increase of aerosols in the air.

The meteorological department has one air pollution station in Shobak. Air pollution, Mr. Abandah says, is not a real

problem in Jordan, in general, except in Amman where at certain periods during the winter the combined effect of the heating, cars, small factories and big factories such as the cement factory, phosphate factory and the refinery raise the pollution level.

The pollution level is especially high in the valleys in Amman where the smokes accumulate with a higher concentration.

Mr. Abandah believes the level of pollution is bound to increase with the increase in industrialisation.

In his three years at the Meteorological Department Mr. Abandah has developed a formula for forecasting seasonal rainfall in Jordan. The formula, based on 25 years of records from eight stations representing different parts of Jordan, forecasts at the beginning of November the rainfall to be expected before April. The formula is of particular interest for Jordanian agriculture as it gives farmers an accurate look at what amount of rain to expect and how much to plant.

The formula is based on an analysis of a number of factors in the Mediterranean region over the month of October. Mr. Abandah presented the formula and his study at the National Water Symposium held in Amman in March 1978.



Mr. Abandah takes a reading on the device for measuring rainfall.

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**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** A good time to coordinate your efforts better with those with whom you have special projects and make important decisions. You have the vital energy and determination to put such plans across so that they work in the future.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Talk over mutual affairs with associates and then follow through with the work that has to be done by you. A better understanding with loved one is possible now.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) Take care of chores so you have more free time with partners. Come to a better understanding with co-workers also.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 21) Make social plans for later and then get busy at the tasks ahead of you. Be more cooperative with fellow workers. Show more thoughtfulness for loved one.

**MOONCHILDREN** (June 22 to July 21) Handle matters at home diplomatically and wisely. Early evening is best for recreation with close friends.

**LEO** (July 22 to Aug. 21) Study bills, statements for accuracy. Handle family affairs intelligently. Make sure the basic structure of your life is on a more firm basis.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A good time to handle financial affairs now that you are thinking clearly. Get ideas across to others well also. Spend some time visiting with good friends.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Plan early how to gain your personal aims and then get into business dealings wisely. Take health treatments you may need.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Study what you don't understand so that later it's full speed ahead with your work. Find a new way to please mate, loved one.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Put that plan to work that will bring your personal aims closer. Try to assist a good friend who is having trouble. Get all the facts first.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Get backing you need from a bigwig. Show you are receptive to what others have to say. Make the most of this information.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Get the information you need so that you get a new ingenious interest started. Plan that trip you have in mind before you start your work.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Sort out bills and pay the most pressing ones.

## World Football Cup New favourite Holland defeats Austria 5-1

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, June 15 (AP). — It's goals that win the World Soccer Cup. Johnny Rep of Holland, Dirceu of Brazil and Mario Kempes of Argentina each scored two as the second round started and the hopes of their teams went sky-high. Holland scored five against Austria, and suddenly became the new favourite. Goals can lift a team's spirits like champagne.

"Holland is the team to beat," said Enzo Bearzot, coach of Italy, one of the Dutch squad's most serious rivals.

"It gives a team a big psychological advantage to win by a big margin as Holland did today," said Claudio Coutinho, manager of Brazil.

On the other hand West Germany, the defending champions, appeared pleased to hold the highly rated Italian team to a 0-0 draw. It was the Germans' third aimless tie in four games since the tournament started -- and coach Helmut Schoen went out of his way to deny it was part of a plan.

"Our strategy is not purely defensive," Schoen said. "We very much wanted to win. It would be false to claim that we set out to defend."

But Sepp Maier, Germany's 34-year-old veteran of three World Cup campaigns, is the only goalkeeper in the tournament who has not yet conceded a single goal.

The second round is played in two groups of four teams, with the top team in each group going into the final at Buenos Aires' River Plate Stadium June 25.

First matches in the second round Wednesday ended like this:

Group A:  
Holland 5, Austria 1 -- at Cordoba.  
Italy 0, West Germany 0 -- at River Plate, Buenos Aires.

Group B:  
Brazil 3, Peru 0 -- at Mendoza.  
Argentina 2, Poland 0 -- at Rosario.

The best goals of the day were scored by Kempes of Argentina. They carried his team through to victory despite an almost continuous bombardment of their goal by the Poles.

In the 15th minute he raced at full speed into the penalty, got under a long high ball and headed down into the corner of the net.

In the 72nd minute he waited through the tough Polish defence on his own for a solo goal.

Dirceu's pair for Brazil were also impressive. The first was a free-kick, blasted in from outside the penalty area. The second was from 25 metres.

The teams now have three days of rest before the next games Sunday.

## Venezuela has oil reserves for 100 years

CARACAS, Venezuela June 15 (AP). — The head of the state oil monopoly said yesterday that Venezuela has enough proven and potential reserves to continue producing 2.2 million barrels a day for 100 years.

Rafael Alfonso Ravard, President of Petroleos de Venezuela, told a convention of businessmen proven reserves of 18 billion barrels could be increased to 30 billion barrels in the country's traditional fields, which have been producing since the turn of the century. New areas under development offer a potential conservatively estimated at 30 billion barrels, he added.

The minister stressed that this estimate of proven and potential reserves of around 60 billion barrels did not include the Orinoco oil belt. The belt, which runs along the northern bank of the Orinoco River in southeastern Venezuela,

is believed to hold a potential of close to 70 billion barrels of recoverable, tarlike oil.

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## Arab oil company will invest up to \$40 million in two NYC areas

NEW YORK, June 15 (AP). — The New York City areas of Harlem and the South Bronx share a high unemployment rate that has attracted the attention of an Arab oil company that says it needs workers.

Prudential International Commodities, Inc., based in Beirut, Lebanon, said yesterday it was here looking for workers for construction projects in the Middle East and also hoped to start new business ventures in the United States.

The company announced at a news conference in Harlem that it would invest up to \$40 million in new businesses in Harlem and the South Bronx, areas populated mostly by Blacks and Puerto Ricans.

Roy Inns, National Director of the Congress of Racial Equality, said Prudential's venture was sought and welcomed by the Black community and the capital would be put to work quickly without the timidity or red tape of American private and public enterprises.

Sheik Hamzi Bedria, Prudential Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, said his company wanted to hire immediately 10,000 to 12,000 skilled and semiskilled laborers, such as carpenters and other construction workers. They would be hired on a contract basis to work in the Mideast where the manpower does not exist, he said.

He said Prudential also was looking into the possibility of operating food-canning businesses in New York City and establishing "profit-making" housing in the city's poor areas, both through rehabilitation and new construction.

Prudential will contract with CORE -- the Congress of Racial Equality -- and Dennison Management, a community-based development and public relations organization, to operate the Harlem and South Bronx projects.

He described the deal as "strictly business -- not a political project ... we are absolutely looking for projects to fulfill our needs."

The contract limits the investment to \$40 million, but has no timetable. The new projects probably will start in a few months, he said.

Mr. Inns said Black communities in the city have sought foreign investment "after years of frustration with our own (U.S.) private and governmental institutions."

Mr. Inns said proposed businesses here included a cannery "to produce items for export to the Middle East, a factory to produce construction materials, also for Middle Eastern markets, and a housing rehabilitation project."

He said, "petrodollars, free of the hesitation and strings of American private capital and the red tape of public funds, will be a stimulus to Harlem development and the effects will be felt throughout the Black economy."

## Three-day anti-pollution conference is attended by 22 Mediterranean cities

ROMA, Italy, June 15 (AP). — Delegates and Experts from 22 seaside Mediterranean cities opened a three-day conference here yesterday to discuss anti-pollution plans to prevent "handing over to the next generation a sea turned into a sewer," as a report said.

The statement was part of an opening paper read by Jean Guyot, the French Secretary General of the Rimini-based "Union of Mediterranean Cities." It was the

third conference organized by the union and was attended by more than 500 delegates and experts from the 18 countries sharing the Mediterranean coastline.

The conference's main aim is to work toward a common approach to the anti-pollution fight.

Mr. Guyot said sewage waters discharged into the Mediterranean were estimated to reach a total of

37 billion cubic meters by year 2000 and that an estimated 14 billion dollars would be needed to process all this sewage water.

But he added money remained a major problem with the current economic troubles of most countries and cities in the area slowing down or cutting into allocations for extensive anti-pollution projects.

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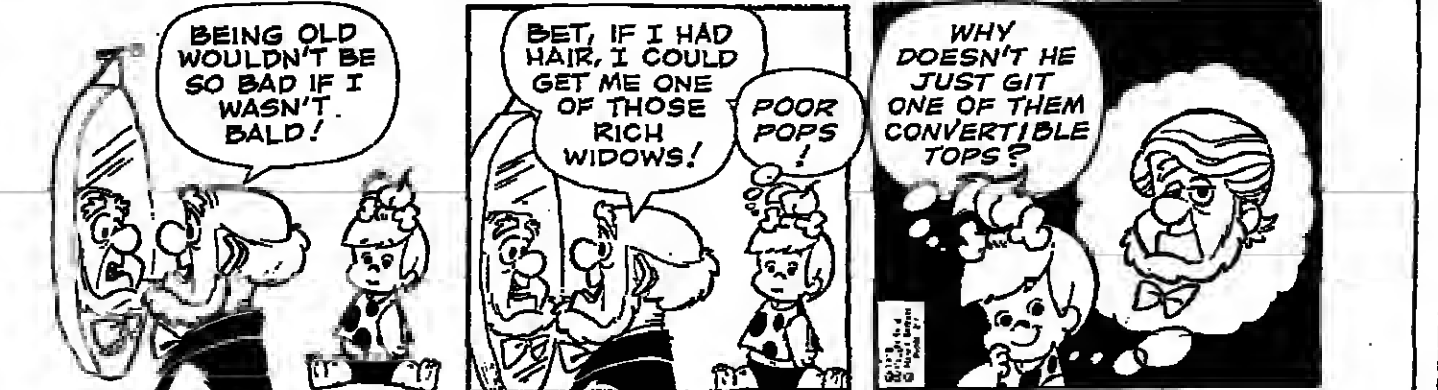
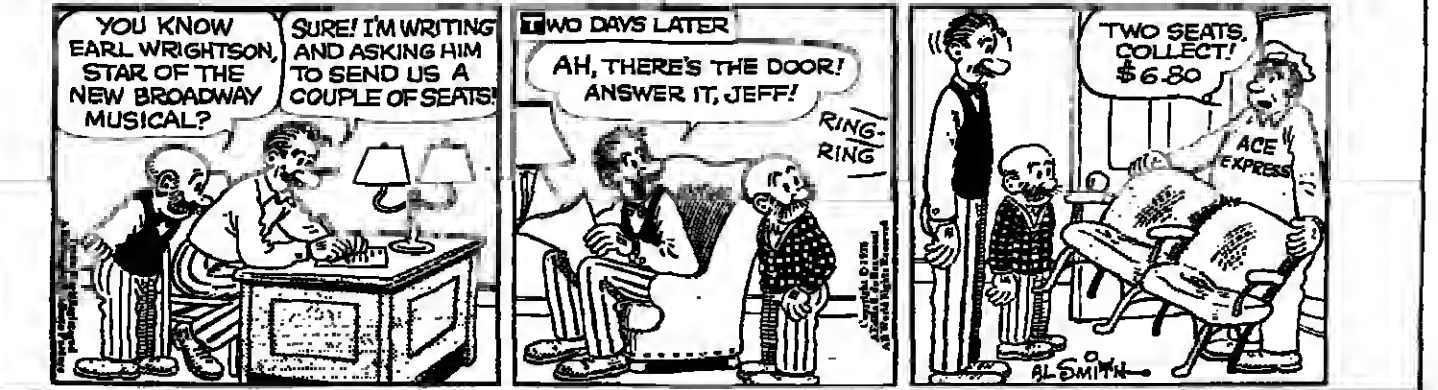
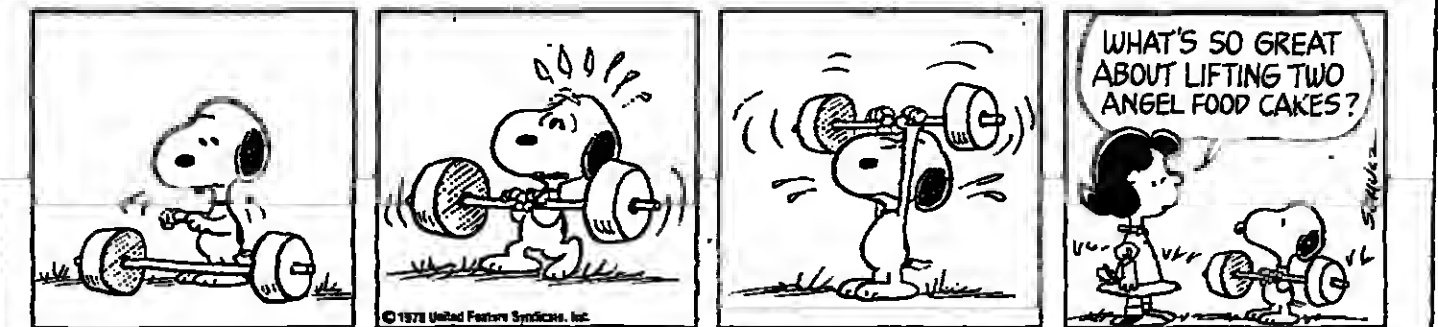
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## GOORED BRIDGE

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East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH  
♠ Q952  
♥ 9643  
♦ 8  
♣ K962

WEST EAST  
♠ J1086 ♠ K743  
♥ Q87 ♥ 5  
♦ Q6 ♦ A J9542  
♣ A J83 ♣ 74

SOUTH  
♠ A  
♥ A K J102  
♦ K 1073  
♣ Q105

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
4 ♠ Pass Pass  
Opening lead: Jack of ♠.

The development of the play can be truly fascinating. On this hand declarer reached a three-card end position where East-West held a winner in every suit including the master trump. Yet they could score only one trick!

South's decision to jump to four hearts, not vulnerable, is a slight stretch. However, it is quite likely that a trial bid in a minor suit would have resulted in the same contract. West led the jack of spades, won by the ace. The declarer, Tom Griffin of New York, who is returning to tournament play after an absence of four years, decided that his best chance was to ruff diamonds in dummy. As a precaution to prevent a heart return from

East, declarer first cashed one high trump, then exited with a low diamond toward dummy.

West realized that if East was allowed to win the first diamond trick, he would have no safe return. So West rose with the queen of diamonds and returned a low spade. Dummy's one forced

East's king and declarer ruffed. The queen of clubs lost to the ace, and the club continuation was taken by the king. On the queen of spades declarer discarded his remaining club, then he ruffed a club in his hand and a diamond in dummy. He returned to his hand with the king of hearts, to bring about this position:

♠ 5  
♥ 9  
♦ 8  
♣ 9  
♠ 10  
♥ Q  
♦ 10  
♣ J  
♠ J  
♥ J  
♦ K 10  
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Declarer had already taken eight tricks, and despite the fact that the defenders controlled every suit, they were helpless to prevent him from collecting two more for his contract. Declarer led a diamond. If West ruffed, declarer would score his trumps separately; if West discarded, declarer would ruff in dummy and then ruff whichever black-suit West retained.

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